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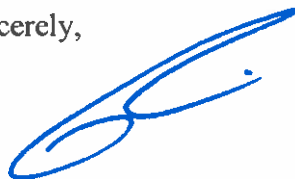
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for dredging of the Okeechobee Waterway in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Florida Inland Navigation District, located at 1314 Marcinski Road, Jupiter, FL 33477. Allocating this funding would be for the maintenance dredging to maintain safe navigation along the Okeechobee Waterway (OWW), the only Cross-Florida waterway and a key storm evacuation route for vessels. This man-made navigation channel has been under-maintained for many years and shoaling has decreased the Federally-authorized -8' channel to a -4' depth, causing severe navigational problems for all size classes of commercial and recreational vessels on the waterway. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Brian Mast  
Member of Congress